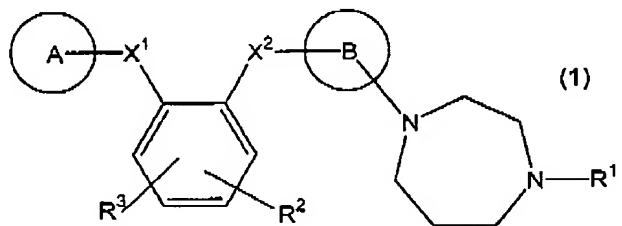


a.) Amendment to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 6 and add new claim 8 as follows. A complete listing of all the claims appears below; this listing replaces all earlier amendments and listings of the claims.

1. (Currently amended) A diazepan compound derivative represented by the following general formula (I) or a salt thereof:



[[()]] symbols in the above formula have the following meanings:

rings Rings A and B: they are the same or different and are each aryl or heteroaryl which may have 1 to 3 substituents;

X¹: -C(=O)-NR⁴⁻, -NR⁴⁻-C(=O)-, -NR⁴⁻-CH₂- , -O-CH₂- , -CH₂-

CH₂- or -CH=CH-;

X²: -C(=O)-NR⁵- or -NR⁵-C(=O)-;

R¹: hydrogen atom, lower alkyl, -lower alkylene-O- lower alkyl, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -lower alkylene-C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, -lower alkylene-aryl, -lower alkylene-heteroaryl or -C(=NR⁶)-lower alkyl;

R²: -OH, -O-lower alkyl, -O-lower alkylene-OH, -O-SO₂-OH, -O-lower alkylene-COOH, -O-lower alkylene-COO-lower alkyl, -COOH, -COO-lower alkyl or halogen atom;

R³: hydrogen atom, halogen atom or lower alkyl; and

R^4 , R^5 and R^6 : they are the same or different and are each hydrogen atom or lower alkyl.[D]]

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The diazepan derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein the ring A and the ring B are the same or different and are each benzene ring, pyridine ring, naphthalene ring, thiophene ring, benzofuran ring or quinoline ring which may have 1 to 3 substituents.

4. (Original) The diazepan derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein the substituent of the aryl or heteroaryl which may have 1 to 3 substituents is a substituent selected from optionally substituted lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, optionally -O-substituted lower alkyl, halogen atom, -NH₂, -NH-lower alkyl, -N-(lower alkyl)₂, -C(=NH)-NH₂, -C(=N-OH)-NH₂, -C(=NH)-NH-OH, -C(=NH)-NH-C(=O)-O-lower alkyl, -COOH, optionally -C(=O)-O-substituted lower alkyl, optionally -C(=O)-O-substituted C_{6-14} aryl, optionally -C(=O)-O- substituted heteroaryl, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, optionally -O-CO substituted lower alkyl, -O-CO-NH₂, -O-CO-NH-lower alkyl, -O-CO-N-(lower alkyl)₂, -SH, -C(=O)-NH₂, -C(=O)-NH-(lower alkyl) and -C(=O)-N-(lower alkyl)₂.

5. (Original) The diazepan derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 1 selected from 3-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2-{{4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 3-hydroxy- N^1 -(4-methoxybenzoyl)- N^2 -[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 5-chloro-N-(5-chloro-2-pyridyl)-3-hydroxy-2-{{4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzamide, 5-chloro-3-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2-{{4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide and 5-

bromo-N-(5-chloro-2-pyridyl)-3-hydroxy-2-{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzamide.

6. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition containing the diazepan derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 1 as an effective ingredient and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

7. (Original) An activated blood coagulation factor X inhibitor in which the diazepan derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 1 as an effective ingredient.

8. (New) 3-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 4'-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 4'-fluoro-3-hydroxy-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 3-hydroxy-3'-methyl-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 4'-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 5-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 4-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, N¹-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediaraine, N¹-(4-bromobenzoyl)-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N¹-(3-methylbenzoyl)-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N¹-(3-chloro-4-methoxybenzoyl)-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N¹-[(5-chloro-2-thienyl)carbonyl]-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N¹-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]N¹-(2-naphthoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, N¹-[(5-bromo-2-

thienyl)carbonyl]-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N¹-(1-benzofuran-2-ylcarbonyl)-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-N¹-(quinolin-3-ylcarbonyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N¹-[(5-methoxy-2-thienyl)carbonyl]-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N¹-(3-fluoro-4-methoxybenzoyl)-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N²-{4-[4-(4-pyridyl)-1,4-diazepan-1-yl]benzoyl}-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N²-{4-[1-(N-methylimino)ethyl]-1,4-diazepan-1-yl}benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N²-[4-(4-benzyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-3-hydroxy-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-[(4-methoxybenzoyl)amino]-2-{{4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl}amino}phenyl hydrogen sulfate, 3-hydroxy-N²-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N¹-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N²-[4-(1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-3-hydroxy-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, N²-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-3-hydroxy-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N²-{4-[4-(1-iminoethyl)-1,4-diazepan-1-yl]benzoyl}-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, N²-[4-(4-cyclobutyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-3-hydroxy-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N²-{4-[4-(2-methoxyethyl)-1,4-diazepan-1-yl]benzoyl}-1,2-phenylenediamine, 5-chloro-N-(5-chloro-2-pyridyl)-3-hydroxy-2-{{4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl}amino}benzamide, 5-bromo-N-(5-chloro-2-pyridyl)-3-hydroxy-2-{{4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl}amino}benzamide or a salt thereof.